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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/825,189	VERBIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Betsy L. Deppe	2637	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 16-22 and 27-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 and 23-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date June 11, 2001.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The status of the pending application on page 11 should be updated.

Claim Objections

2. The claims are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - in claim 12, line 5, "response" should be "response of the channel" in order to be consistent with claim 12, line 2;
 - in claim 14, line 4, both occurrences of "the value" should be "the value of the received signal";
 - in claim 27, line 4, "response" should be "response of the channel";
 - in claim 29, line 5, "the value" should be "the value of the received training signal" (see claim 29, line 4);
 - in claim 30, line 3, "the filter" should be "the adaptive digital filter."
- Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 8-11 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. With regard to claims 8 and 23, the specification does not describe how to determine a level of attenuation to enable reliable detection of the training signal such that one skilled in the art can make and/or use the invention..

6. Claims 1-15 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. In claim 1, it is unclear "during a training interval of the communications" on lines 8-9 applies to the "providing" or to the "at least one segment" or both. I.e. is the definition itself provided during a training interval or does is the definition of the segment and the level of attenuation applied to the at least segment only during the training interval?

8. In claim 1, lines 10-12, it is unclear whether the transmitted training signal includes the applied "level of attenuation within the at least one segment." Based on the specification, it appears that the training signal is attenuated at the least one segment before it is transmitted. The Examiner suggests replacing lines 10-12 with the following: "applying the level of attenuation within the at least one segment to a training signal and transmitting the attenuated training signal."

9. With regard to claims 8 and 23, it is unclear what constitutes "reliable detection" such that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. It is unclear defines a detection of a signal as being "reliable."

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 16-22 and 27-30 are allowed.

11. Claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

12. Claims 23-26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

13. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: prior art of record does not teach or suggests in combination a communication method or apparatus comprised of compensating for a response of a communications channel based on (a) a received training signal and (b) a definition of at least a signal segment and of a level of attenuation to be applied to the at least one segment, wherein the defined signal segment and level of attenuation is applied to the training signal and the definition is provided to the receiver.

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references disclose systems that estimate channel response using received training signals: Mourot et al. (US Patent No. 5,559,723), Goodson et al. (US Patent No. 5,636,244); Bjarnason et al. (US Patent No. 5,949,819); Wu (US Patent No. 6,219,378 B1) and Olafsson (US Patent No. 6,332,009 B2).

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betsy L. Deppe whose telephone number is (703) 305-4960. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (8:30-4:00). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (703) 308-7728.

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